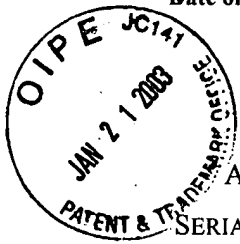


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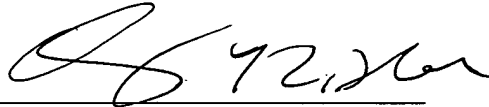
Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action mailed December 20, 2002 (1 pg.);
2. Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time (1 pg.);
3. Check # 15371 in the amount of \$465.00;
4. Supplemental Preliminary Amendment (8 pgs.); and
5. Return Postcard.

This response is due on January 21, 2003 (January 20, 2003 being a Holiday), with a three-month extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-721. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617/542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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